

Torrance High Grad Dies in Plane Crash

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A Torrance High School graduate was among the 45 persons killed Friday when a military Air Transport plane with 66 aboard crashed in a swamp at Fort Dix, N.J.

Dead is Airman 3/c James Vernon Cordes, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Cordes, of 3338 Newton St.

Airman Cordes had just completed a furlough at home and was en route to Burtonwood, England, on the plane with 65 other servicemen and their families. He had been assigned to duty at Ramsgate, England, his parents said yesterday.

Cordes enlisted in the Air Force in June, 1955, after graduating from Torrance High School.

He had been home on leave from June 9 through July 5.

Incorporation Lags

Residents of Lomita and Rolling Hills met Thursday night in the Lomita California Hall to discuss incorporation.

In the course of the discussion, conflicting views were advanced by delegates from both areas concerning the proposed union.

Some Lomita delegates indicated that they feel they are presently well taken care of, mentioning the storm drain, fine fire department, and police protection as examples of this care.

Rolling Hills delegates announced that they had no inclination for incorporation with the Lomita area. One spokesman said the proposed city would get nowhere with a name like Lomita.

Biscailuz in Parade

Sheriff Eugene W. Biscailuz has notified city officials he will be available to act as marshal for the dedication parade during next month's celebration of the opening of the new Civic Center.

Shell Expansion

Shell Chemical Corp. is building several million dollars' worth of versatility into its synthetic rubber plant here. R. C. McCurdy, the president of the corporation, said today.

McCurdy made the statement announcing that a new unit to produce a special latex for the manufacture of foam rubber products would be completed this fall. Other parts of the plant's general expansion program include extensions to the butadiene facilities and modernization of the synthetic rubber (copolymer) unit. These phases of the program will also be completed in the fall.

Babysitter Honored

Torrance's babysitter-heroine Sandra McAbee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy McAbee, 1016 Fiat St., whose timely action in rescuing four children from a burning house resulted

2500 Students Attend El Camino Summer School, 1200 Using Pool

Currently offering a summer program for 2500 students and serving an additional 1200 persons daily in its swimming pools, El Camino College now offers academic instruction for all but six weeks throughout the year, President Forrest G. Murdock noted today.

"To expand the program so that instruction would be offered during the remaining six weeks would stymie the program of renovation and planning which is essential in all departments of the college," the president commented, noting that "classes" are in session throughout the year except for two weeks during the spring and a month following the summer session.

Counseling Opens Aug. 3

The current summer program will run through Aug. 10; counseling and registration procedures for the heavy fall enrollment will begin on Aug. 8. Considering periods of registration as part of the instructional program, the period of student inactivity on campus is reduced to two weeks. Offices are in operation for the entire year, President Murdock said.

"Each new enrollment period continues to break another record," the administrator observed. "This fall's enrollment will undoubtedly surpass that of last fall, as this summer's registration surpassed last summer's. Each year, incidentally, sees a new all-time enrollment record established. In expanding its services, the college continues to grow as a vital factor in the community life of the areas which it serves."

Buildings Needed

"With increased enrollment, however, comes the necessity for building expansion. Presently, we are constructing units for the instruction of chemistry and physics, now housed in the bungalow area of the original campus site. The increased number of classrooms in this area will enable us to offer additional sections of classes for which there has long been heavy demand."

"Additional classrooms in other areas of instruction will also be required as enrollment soars," Murdock remarked.

Pools Kept Busy

Commenting upon the new swimming pools on campus, the college official noted that the facilities are in use six days per week. The program started on June 18 and will run through Aug. 31. Operating from 8 a.m. until 10 p.m., the pools accommodate some 1200 swimmers daily. Nine hours per day are devoted to swimming instruction, two for recreation, and one for a family hour, when parents and children may utilize the pools together. The pools are closed during lunch and dinner hours.

Additional recreational opportunities are offered in other areas of physical education for youngsters in the El Camino area as a part of the college summer program.

Varied Summer Program Set For McMaster Park

Many recreational facilities are offered at McMaster Park, 3824 W. 174th St., according to the Torrance Recreation Dept.

The park is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 10 p.m., with a varied and interesting program offered each day under the direction of Les Breitenfeldt and Betty Sharpe.

A typical weekly program for the park is as follows: on Monday night, mystery or surprise night, this week featuring a world series movie; Tuesday night, hobby night and adult art classes, materials furnished by the department; on Wednesday night, reserved for teen-age drama and play rehearsals; Thursday night, family night, time for picnics, treasure hunts, charades and other games; Friday night, square dancing for elementary and junior high school age group. Al Chandler instructs, charge is 25 cents a lesson.

In addition to these activities, midge softball is scheduled for Friday nights, while pee wee softball will be played on Saturdays.

Tompkins in School

Donald R. Tompkins, of 1753 Cabrillo, is attending the University of Colorado Summer Session.

Approximately 6000 students are attending summer classes at the university.

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Steelworkers Meet

"We can't predict the length of the strike—we didn't cause it," members of Steelworkers Local 1414 met today at a meeting here Thursday evening by Charles Smith, Director of District 38, United Steelworkers of America.

New Hospital Plans

Plans to erect a multimillion dollar Catholic hospital here were revealed Friday by the Rt. Rev. Thomas J. O'Dwyer, head of health and hospitals for the Archdiocese. A 10-acre site for the hospital has been acquired at the northeast corner of Torrance Blvd. and Earl St.

The hospital will be conducted by The Little Company of Mary, a community nursing sisters. Monsignor O'Dwyer said. They have maintained an internationally famous hospital in Rome, Italy, for many years, and now conduct a large 500-bed hospital in Chicago, and hospitals at Fort Wayne, Ind.; Syracuse, N. Y.; and East Cambridge, Mass. This will be their first California hospital.

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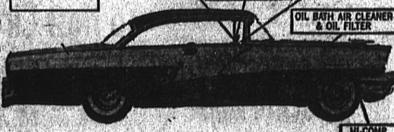
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